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A plea for peace from a young African researcher — March 1, 2026

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Your Excellency Secretary-General António Guterres,

My name is Judicael Brindel. I am an independent researcher from Cotonou, Benin, in West Africa. I write to you today not as a diplomat, not as a politician — but as a human being who is watching humanity destroy itself.

What is happening today — the strikes, the fires, the closed straits, the dead — is not just a regional crisis. It is a signal that something is deeply broken in how we understand ourselves as a species. We have accumulated centuries of knowledge, science, art, culture — and we are using it to erase each other.

I am young. I come from a country that has known poverty, not war. But I understand what is at stake. Every human life lost today is a universe destroyed. Every city struck is a piece of what we built together, gone.

The United Nations exists precisely for this moment. Not to observe. To act. To speak. To prevent the next strike before it happens.

I am not naive. I know the complexity of what surrounds this conflict. But I believe that the voice of the Secretary-General, heard clearly and firmly, can still move something. The world is listening. The peoples who are suffering are watching to see if international institutions have the strength to say: enough.

I plead with you: use every tool available. Call for an immediate ceasefire. Convene the Security Council in emergency session. Send mediators. Show that the United Nations is not a spectator of history — but its guardian.

Humanity cannot afford to ruin itself like this.

Respectfully yours,

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